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


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Style Guide

COMMON PROOF READERS' MARKS

	delete
	delete and close up
	close up
	transpose
read # out	add space or space more evenly
L	carry farther to the left
7	carry farther to the right
(uk)	(ring drawn around an abbreviation, figure, etc.) spell out
Not	make lower case
group	make upper case
Stet.	restore words crossed out
↓	set as superscript
2	set as subscript

PUNCTUATION

Commas

A comma is placed before "and" and "or" in a simple series: A, B, and C were visible.

In a compound sentence (one having two or more independent clauses complete with subject and predicate), a comma precedes the coordinate conjunction: The Ss were seated, but the E stood nearby.

Nonrestrictive clauses are set off by commas: Tables of chi square, which may be found in most statistical texts, were consulted.

But restrictive clauses are used without commas: The tables of chi square that were needed for these computations contained several errors.

Parentheses

If a complete sentence is enclosed in parentheses, the period is placed inside the parenthesis. If a parenthetical phrase is placed at the close of a sentence, the period follows the parenthesis.

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The comma and period are placed inside quotation marks, but the colon and semicolon are placed outside quotation marks. Quotation marks follow or precede the interrogation or exclamation point as the meaning demands.

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Single-letter abbreviations in standard type are used for the singular form of experimenter (E), observer (O), and subject (S). The plural is distinguished by adding a lower-case s, e.g., Ss. The possessive form is shown by S's for the singular and Ss' for the plural. The same rules apply when letters or numbers, such as A, B, or I, II, are used.

In referring to factorial designs, use "by." Examples: 2 by 2, 3 by 2 by 2. In giving dimensions, the letter "x" should be used to mean "by." Example: 2x2x4 ft.

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alternating current	ac
ampere	A
audio-frequency (adj)	af
average	av
British thermal units	Btu
calorie	cal
Calorie	Cal

candlepower	cp	mile	(spell out)
candles per square meter	c/m ²	miles per hour	mph
Celsius (centigrade)	C	milliampere	mA
centimeter	cm	milligram	mg
Chapter	Chap.	millilambert	mL
coulomb	C	millileter	ml
cubic	cu	millimeter	mm
cubic centimeter	cc	millimicron	(spell out)
cycle	(spell out)	millivolt	mV
cycles per second	cps	minute	min
day	(spell out)	molar	M
decibel	dB	mole	(spell out)
degree	deg	month	(spell out)
degress Celsius (centigrade)	°C	number	No.
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	ounce	oz
diameter	diam	outside diameter	o.d.
direct current	dc	page	p.
electromotive force	emf	pages	pp.
equation	Eq.	pound	lb
equations	Eqs.	pounds per square inch	psi
farad	F	revolutions per minute	rpm
Figure	Fig.	roentgen	R
Figures	Figs.	root mean square	rms
foot, feet	ft	second	sec
foot-Lambert	ft-L	standard deviation	SD
frequency modulation	FM	square	sq
gram	g	ultraviolet	uv
hertz (cycles per second)	Hz	versus	vs
hour	h	volt	V
inch	in.	week	(spell out)
just noticeable differences	jnds	west	W
kilocalorie	kcal		
kilocycle/second	kc/sec		
kilogram	kg		
kilovolt	kV		
kilowatt	kW		
lambert	L		
liter	(spell out)		
logarithm	log		
lumen	lm		
mean	M		
megohm	(spell out)		
meter	m		
microampere	(spell out)		
microcoulomb	(spell out)		
microfarad	(spell out)		
micromole	(spell out)		
micron	(spell out)		

SPELLING AND HYPHENATION

In scientific writing, the hyphen is not used unless it serves a useful purpose. Words formerly hyphenated are now frequently written as either one word or two words (e.g., setup, reaction time). In general, words with prefixes such as anti-, re-, semi-, non-, pseudo-, quasi-, and un- are written without the hyphen.

It is correct to hyphenate combinations of nouns or of an adjective and a noun used as adjectives. Examples: double-blind procedure, higher-threshold receptor. The rule may be relaxed when the phrase is common or when there is no risk of ambiguity.

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